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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.1. Special Br. Station,

REPORT

Date August 5, 1940.

Subject (in full) Indian Publicity Sub-Committee.

Made by D.S.I. Young

Forwarded by

D.I. Crawford.

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The screening of the British War Picture took place at the R.A.S. Building, 20 Museum Road at 7 p.m. August 4, 1940, as scheduled.

About 400 members of the Sikh community attended, including some women, and considerable enthusiasm greeted the showing.

It is understood that arrangements are being made for a further showing to the Sikh community at 9 p.m. August 5, 1940.



D. S. I. Young

D.C. (Special Branch).

(D.C.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S.1. Special Branch *44444*

REPORT

Date August 3, 19 40

Subject (in full)

Indian Publicity Sub-Committee

Made by D.S.I. Young

Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

The decision that S.M. Police would be unable to assist was communicated to Mr. Morrison on 3 August, 1940, when he stated that two shows, one at 7 p.m., 4-8-40 and one at 7 p.m. 5-8-40, would be given, and that other arrangements would be made for the distribution of the tickets.

It is suggested that Officer in charge Central Station make arrangements for extra police to be posted in the area as a precaution against any disturbance.

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Security Hall.*

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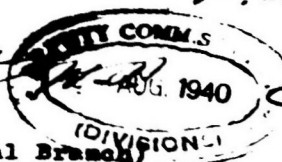
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See and pass to D.O.A.

Necessary arrangements made.

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D. G. (Special Branch)



Young

D. I. (Division)

Information

Ref. 3/8

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THE BRITISH AND CHINESE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)

P. O. BOX 611

SHANGHAI.

I have the pleasure to inform you that the British and Chinese Corporation, Limited, has been formed, and is now in the process of being registered in England. The object of the Corporation is to carry on business in China, and to promote the interests of British and Chinese commerce in that country.

The Corporation is organized on the basis of a share capital of £1,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares of £10 each. The Corporation is now in the process of being registered in England, and it is expected that it will be ready to commence business in the near future. The Corporation is now in the process of being registered in England, and it is expected that it will be ready to commence business in the near future. The Corporation is now in the process of being registered in England, and it is expected that it will be ready to commence business in the near future.

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I am, Sir,
Yours obedient servant,

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August 2, 1940.

Deputy Commissioner in Charge.

Indian Publicity Sub-Committee.

With reference to the report on the above subject dated July 26th, 1940, the five resolutions adopted are worthy of further comment.

1. The question arises as to what method will be adopted for the translation daily of the Noon News Bulletin. The suggestion put forward that it be done through this office is not feasible for very obvious reasons.
2. The Indian Government policy regarding religion is "Strict Neutrality" and the use of the Gurdwara and Mosques for the dissemination of propaganda is not advisable.
3. This office cannot undertake the distribution of propaganda with Police Orders as it will be a sign of weakness on our part. If it is known that agitation is rife amongst the Sikh Police it requires sterner methods than propaganda leaflets.
4. The answer to this is similar to No. 1.
5. The idea is good but all necessary arrangements and distribution of tickets etc. should be undertaken by an outside source.

On the 21st December 1939 this office was asked by Mr. A.A.L. Tison of the British Embassy for suggestions regarding the dissemination of propaganda amongst the local Sikh Community and a copy of the reply forwarded is attached. I am still of opinion that propaganda coming from India would have greater results than anything that could be done locally.

DC S.P.B.

I agree.

The Police cannot undertake this work.

A. Robertson
Deputy Commissioner (Sikhs).



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SECRET

M.A.L. Mason, Esq.,
British Legation.

Dear Mr. Mason,

In reply to your letter of December 21st, 1939 re the subject of publicity of Indian information to the local Indian Community.

At present this office distributes the following Indian newspapers to the members of the Sikh Branch at the Council's expense.

1. Fouji Akhbar (The Army paper) in Gurmukhi - 1 copy weekly.
2. Inalsa Samachar (Sikh Affairs) " - 16 copies "
3. Sher-i-Punjab (Lion of the Punjab) in Urdu - 12 " "

I would, therefore, suggest the following:-

- a) Continue the Fouji Akhbar as at present.
- b) Increase the issue of the Inalsa Samachar to 100 copies per week.
- c) Increase the issue of the Sher-i-Punjab to 70 copies per week.
- d) Order 40 copies per week of the "Zimindar" a paper purely for the Mohammedan Community.

If you are prepared to meet the additional expense of the extra copies, I would propose that after the insertion of the propaganda in India, they be posted to us in the usual way and the distribution would be carried out by this office in the usual way so as not to arouse any suspicion.

The following information about the above three papers should be carefully noted.

1. Fouji Akhbar. This is purely an Army newspaper and only deals with promotions, transfers, troop movements etc. Apart from this information there is little to interest the men. The original idea of the paper was to keep our men in touch with the doings of their regiments as a big proportion of them were ex-soldiers. It would serve for both the Sikh and the Mohammedan Communities but for the fact that it is printed in Gurmukhi, the language of the Sikhs.

2. India's Guardian of Sikh Affairs. As will be noted in its title it deals solely with Sikh matters with leanings towards religious affairs. The trend of the paper, in particular, is at all times obvious, towards anti-British relations, and is therefore not a suitable publication for Mohammedans. As regards the attitude towards the British I will not actually say they are pro-British, but they certainly are not anti-British.

3. Sher-i-Punjab or Lion of the Punjab. This publication is also pro-Sikh but does not touch on religion. Although printed in Urdu I do not consider it a suitable paper for the Mohammedan community. It has on occasions had a definite anti-British outlook.

For any effective propaganda amongst the local community it is the opinion of this office that the only feasible method would be to have pamphlets or an extra page inserted in these papers in India before despatching them to Shanghai. The only means available to us for this type of work is the laborious method of writing it out by hand and the copies turned out by a Duplicator. This, though possible, would not create a good impression on the Indians, but on the contrary might be construed as a sign of weakness both on the part of this office and the British Consulate.

Lastly, I would suggest that this office be supplied with a copy of articles of "Indian Information", articles considered useful we could disseminate by word of mouth.

A few articles have from time to time appeared in the English press such as Mohammedan troops sent to France, or speeches of loyalty by some Indian Princes who incidentally have also been of the Mohammedan faith. This type of news would not create a favourable impression in the minds of Sikhs who form the greater percentage of the community.

(Sd) W. E. Fairbairn.
Assistant Commissioner (Sikhs).

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch. *K.S. Mohi*

REPORT

Date August 1, 1940.

Indian Publicity sub-Committee.

D. S. I. Young.

D. I. Crawford.

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D.I.

The meeting of above committee scheduled for the afternoon of 1.8.40 was accelerated ~~the~~ 4 p.m. 31.7.40.

At the meeting it was agreed that British War films should be shown to members of the Sikh community at the Royal Asiatic Society Hall, 20 Museum Road at 7 p.m. Sunday 4th August 1940.

A further showing for remaining members of the Indian Community to be screened at the same place at 7 p.m. Monday 5th August and, if the demand warranted it, a final show for Sikhs at about 9 p.m. Monday August 5th.

At the 7 o'clock show on Monday those attending will be allowed to bring neutral friends.

In connection with the showings to Sikhs, the Chairman requested that D.S.I. Young approach Police Headquarters with a view to having tickets for Indian members of Police and Gaol staffs, distributed through official channels.

A further request was that night duty Havildars be permitted to deliver tickets to Indian watchmen in their respective districts.

In this connection, D.S.I. Young will be in possession of tickets and, should the request be granted, it is suggested that 350 tickets (the limit of the hall's seating capacity) be first issued for the Sunday night showing, and the Senior

H. V. G. M.
A. B. M.
await a
decision before
going on
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Indian Police officer at each station can approach S.D. Fouja Singh if further tickets are required for Monday night.

The arrangements for the first Sunday showing are being undertaken by the Committee.

Further account of the business discussed by the Committee will be forwarded later and this report is forwarded now as very little time remains in which to make suitable police arrangements.

D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY

S. I. Special Branch

REPORT

Date July 29 1940

Subject (in full) Meeting of Indian Publicity Sub-Committee

Made by

D. S. I. Young

Forwarded by

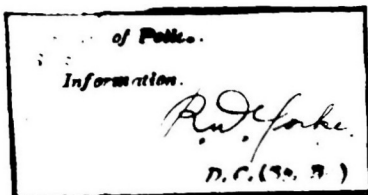
D. I. Crawford.

On the morning of July 29, 1940, the attached copy of the minutes taken by Mr. Ian Morrison at the initial meeting of the above committee was sent to D. S. I. Young by Mr. Morrison, and is forwarded for information.

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P. R. Young
D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch)



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With the compliments
of

IAN MORRISON

THE BRITISH AND CHINESE CORPORATION
27 THE BUND
SHANGHAI
T.E.L. 15200

THE GARDEN APARTMENTS
1202 AVENUE ROYAL
SHANGHAI
T.E.L. 70004

Mr.S.Young,

Special Branch,

The Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

minutes of the first meeting of the Indian sub-Committee of the British
Publicity Committee held in the offices of the British & Chinese
Corporation Limited, 27, The Bund, at 4.0 p.m. on Thursday, July 25th 1940.

The following gentlemen were present:

Mr. F. B. Bhedwar, representing B. D. Tata & Co. Ltd.

Mr. B. B. Boodha, F.R.C.S., Postal Commissioner (retired) Chinese Postal
Service.

Mr. B. B. Singh, Detective Inspector, The Shanghai Municipal Police.

Mr. J. Gidman, Managing Director of J. K. Gidman and Watson Ltd.

Mr. J. Morrison, Representative, The British & Chinese Corporation Ltd.

Mr. A. A. R. Saval, Representative, Saval & Co.

Mr. R. F. Shroff, Representative, R. F. Shroff & Co.

Mr. B. Young, Special Branch, The Shanghai Municipal Police.

The following gentlemen were unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting:

Maji Milaluddin, Imam of the Mosque

Mr. K. A. Parakh, Asst. Manager, Klengman Co. (India) Ltd.

1. After a few minutes of informal discussion Mr. Boodha, on the
suggestion of Mr. Morrison, was unanimously elected Chairman. Mr. Saval was
elected Vice-Chairman. Mr. Morrison undertook to act as Secretary to the
Committee.

2. Mr. Boodha pointed out that the various communities represented in
Shanghai were represented on the Committee: the Indian community by the
Chairman, Mr. Bhedwar and Mr. Shroff; the British community by the Vice-
Chairman, Mr. Gidman and Mr. Parakh; and the large
Sino community by Mr. Young.

The next step suggested was to have a meeting of the Committee and
have the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.
Another step, Mr. Bhedwar, and other leading members of Shanghai

3. The Chairman defined the aims of the Committee as follows: firstly, the countering of subversive activities amongst the Indian community; secondly, the finding of ways in which a true and factual picture of what is taking place in the world to-day can be conveyed to the Indian community, with special reference to its less educated members who are unable to read or understand English.

The Chairman expressed his conviction that such a representative committee could continue to serve a most useful purpose, even after the end of the war, for the discussion of problems and matters of common concern.

4. Various methods of publicity and information were then discussed. It was decided that a daily news bulletin in Gurmukhi, cheaply printed on a duplicating machine and distributed at certain points, would be a most valuable means of reaching the large Sikh community, for whom no provision at the moment is made at all in the provision of news.

Mr. Pooja Singh and Mr. Stewart Young undertook to get in touch with Mr. Robertson, Deputy Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police, since Mr. Robertson already supervises the issue of the police orders in Gurmukhi and it was felt that use might possibly be made of his transfer and duplicating machine. Arrangements similar to the above might also be made as regards the needs of the less educated Muslims.

5. As regards broadcasting, the first suggestion was three or more speaking sets to be placed in the temples and mosques where the Sikhs and Muslims meet every Sunday and Friday respectively. Mr. Stewart undertook to secure these. Soon it is hoped to arrange news broadcasts and addresses by prominent Indian residents over the local radio station R.S.B.

6. As regards the education of the Indian community, the committee decided that ways must be sought of collecting information as to those Indians who are not subject of the British Empire.

Vice-chairman undertook to approach the manager of the cinema there with a view to securing the use of that cinema. Mr. Ganga Singh said he would investigate the possibilities of finding a hall where the films could be exhibited to the Sikh community.

7. The Committee decided that a drive should be made to increase the Indian membership of the British Residents Association and to see whether special provision could not be made for those poorer members of the Indian community who are unable to contribute the full subscription.

Mr. Morrison undertook to get in touch with the Secretary of the B.R.A. and to provide the members of the Committee with membership lists and entrance forms.

8. After the Committee had discussed these several points they were joined by Mr. John Alexander, Press Attaché of the British Embassy and accordingly representative in Shanghai of the Ministry of Information. Mr. Alexander was introduced by Mr. Boodha to the members of the Committee and was informed briefly of the results of the Committee's deliberations. He expressed his great appreciation of the formation of the group, and his warm approval of its aims and objectives. He hoped that the Chairman would consent, as representative of the group, to join the large advisory Publicity Committee.

9. The Committee finally broke up after having decided that a further meeting should be held in a week's time, namely, on Thursday, August 1st, at 4.30 p.m. in the offices of the British and Foreign Corporation.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 1040

REPORT

Date July 26, 1940.

Subject Meeting of the Indian Publicity Committee.

Made by D. S. I. Young.

Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

At 4 p.m. 25.7.40 a meeting of the above body, which has been formed under the auspices of the British Embassy Press Office, took place in the office of Mr. Ian Morrison, of the "British and Chinese Corporation", 27 The Bund.

The following members of the Shanghai British Indian Community were present in addition to Mr. Morrison, Mr. H.A.R. Savul, Mr. R.F. Shroff, Mr. I. Gidumall, Mr. F.B. Bhedwar and Mr. M.E.B. Doodha, the latter gentleman acting as Chairman of the meeting. In addition S.D.I. Fouja Singh and D.S.I. Young of Special Branch attended.

Mr. Morrison explained that the object of the committee was to distribute British news amongst the local Indian community in order to combat the invidious propaganda being dispensed by fifth columnists.

The following resolutions were adopted :-

1. That the North China Daily News Noon Bulletin be translated into Gurmuki and broadcast from Station X.C.D.L.
2. That free radio receiving sets be installed at the three Gurdhwaras within S.M.C. jurisdiction.

Commr. of Police
Sir

R. J. P.

(S. B. R.)



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3. That S.D.I. be asked to distribute translations of North China Daily News bulletins to stations together with police orders.
4. That the translations of the Noon bulletins be made up into the form of a magazine each week and distributed amongst local Indians.
5. That arrangements be made to exhibit British propaganda films to the Indian Community.

In connection with resolutions 1 and 4, Mr. Morrison stated he would approach Mr. H.D.M. Robertson, D. C. Arms & Training Reserve, to see if the services of S.D.I. Fouja Singh could be utilized for the work of translation and also for finding a suitable radio announcer.

In connection with resolution 5, Mr. Morrison informed the committee that he would ascertain from S.M.P. exactly what were the censorship requirements of the Council.

It was suggested that the cinema exhibition should be held at the Capital Theatre, but decision on this point was deferred until after the Film Censorship Office had been consulted.

Towards the end of the meeting, Mr. Alexander of the British Embassy Press Office attended the meeting and briefly discussed ways

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of circulating pro-British propaganda by word of mouth.

Mr. Alexander was asked by Mr. Shroff why the Shanghai Times, a British registered newspaper was allowed to adopt so anti-Chinese, pro-Japanese and sometimes anti-British attitude.

Mr. Alexander replied that the matter was receiving his attention.

The meeting closed at 6 p.m., arrangements being made for the next meeting of the Committee to be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, 1st August 1940.

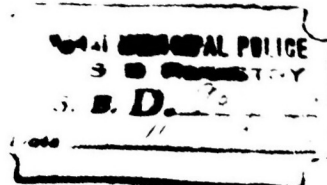
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D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

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December 10

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J. Alexander, Esq.,
Office of the Press Attache,
British Embassy,
Shanghai.

Sir,

In reference to my letter of December 4,
1940, enclosing a copy of a Police report re
the installation of radios, etc., resultant
from further enquiries, it has been deemed
inadvisable to install radios in the Sikh
Gurdwaras.

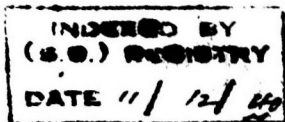
Would you therefore please delete the
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paragraph of the Police report dated 4-12-40.

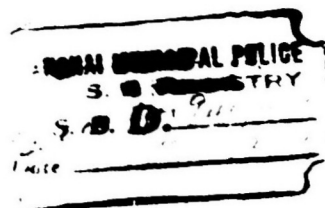
Trusting that this has not caused
inconvenience to any of your plans.

Yours faithfully,



Original sent on 10-12-40





December

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J. Alexander, Esq.,
Office of the Press Attache,
British Embassy,
Shanghai.

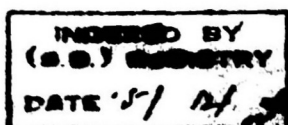
Sir,

Reference to your letter of November 27,
1940, regarding comment on the Indian Broadcast
from Station X.C.D.N. and watch on the Bulletin,
weekly editions, and that covering the week ending
24-11-40, I enclose a copy of a Police report
respecting Police enquiries from local Indians.

Yours faithfully,



x Sent.
S/m.
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SECRET

December 4, 1940.

Letter from H.B.M. Embassy regarding pamphlets in Hindustani and broadcasts.

Comment on the copies of the bulletins covering the week ending November 24th, as well as the weekly edition is distinctly favourable. The Indians are reading the bulletins with increasing interest with the exception of the local agitators who, however, have little influence over the majority. Although many Indians still read the noon extra (German propaganda) the bulletins have done much to counteract the effects of this propaganda. There is a large demand for Hindustani pamphlets both in Gurmukhi and Urdu.

Regarding the radio commentaries over Station XCDE comment is not so favourable. The majority of Indians are anxious to listen in but few possess radio sets.

The radios issued by H.B.M. Embassy are installed in private houses. It is the general opinion that radios should be installed in gathering places such as the Indian shops in Miller Road or the Gurdwaras.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. S. BRANCH
S. S. D.
Date Dec. 4th, 1940.

S. S. Special Branch

REPORT

Subject: Letter from H.B.M. Embassy regarding pamphlets in Hindustani

and broadcasts.

Made by D.S.I. McKeown

Forwarded by

Supt. Lason.

Enquiries by this office regarding the attached communication from H.B.M. Embassy have revealed the following :

Comment on the enclosed copies of the bulletins covering the week ending November 24th, as well as the weekly edition is distinctly favourable. The Indians are reading the bulletins with increasing interest with the exception of the local agitators who however have little influence over the majority. Although many Indians still read the noon extra (German propaganda), the bulletins have done much to counteract the effects of this propaganda. There is a large demand for Hindustani pamphlets both in Gurmukhi and Urdu.

Regarding the radio commentaries over Station XCDN, comment is not so favourable. The majority of Indians are anxious to listen in, but few possess radio sets. The radios issued by H.B.M. Embassy are installed in private houses. It is the general opinion that radios should be installed in gathering places such as the Indian shops in Miller Road or the Gurdwaras.

McKeown
D. S. I.

A. C. (Special Branch).

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Content of the enclosed copy of the bulletin covers the week ending November 10th, as all of the weekly edition is absolutely free. The Indians are reading the bulletin with increasing interest with a view to the dissemination of the news. The Sikhs who however have little influence over the majority. Although many Indians still read the news extra (Gurmukhi) paper, the bulletins have done much to counteract the effects of this propaganda. There is a large demand for Hindustani pamphlets both in Gurmukhi and Urdu.

Regarding the radio commentaries over Station WGN, comment is not acceptable. The majority of Indians are anxious to listen in, but few possess radio sets. The radios issued by H.B.M. Embassy are installed in private houses. It is the general opinion that radio should be installed in gathering places such as the Indian shops in Fifth Road or the Courthouse.

November

29,

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J. Alexander, Esq.,
Office of the Press Attache,
British Embassy,
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of
your letter dated November 27, 1940, and in
reply have to inform you that the matter is
receiving attention.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Commissioner of Police.



H A R D U S T A N .

Gurmukhi Edition.

One week commencing from 18th Nov. upto 24th Nov. 1940.

6 Bulletins

and

One weekly issue having the special articles:-

1. The effect of the war on India.
 2. The great war and India.
 3. India's material help in the war.
 4. Pride of India.
- 555 News of the week with a map.

1. If the whole material of the 6 Bulletins of the week were taken to be 60 units, the weekly issue contains 54 units of material.

MINUTES

Urdu Edition.

One week commencing from 13th Nov. and upto 24th Nov 1940

5 Bulletins

and

one weekly issue containing special articles:-

1. The effect of War on India.
2. The great war and India.
3. India's Material help in the war.
4. Pride of India.
5. News of the week with a map.

I. If the whole material of the 5 Bulletins of the week were to be taken as 50 units, the weekly issue contains 54 units of material.
